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## ALDHA MOTIONS COMPILATION

Here is a compilation of the motions that have been acted upon by ALDHA at either Gatherings or steering committee meetings. Starting in 2011 it does not include motions for agendas, adjournments, minutes approvals, resolutions of thanks, program report approvals, and things like that. It does include budget motions where they were atypical, e.g., special gifts such as the Bromley Tower and Hard Core.

### 1983

Motions from 1983 involve the creation of ALDHA on March 5, 1983, in Harpers Ferry, W.Va., following the first Gathering in October 1982. Motions from the 1983 Gathering are not available.

### 1984

Cumberland Valley relocation of the AT. After discussion, members voted to relocate the AT onto the "Ridge Route". However, it was also voted to encourage the Park Service to purchase the necessary land and easements for the relocation immediately, but to keep the AT on its present road route until such time as conditions change to warrant actual relocation to the Ridge. See specifics below.

Passed

Letter sent to Russell Dickenson, Director of National Park Service in 1984.

MOTION: That ALDHA recommends that the NPS go ahead with the purchase of land for an off-road route through the Cumberland Valley.

Passed, 63 for, 17 against, 6 abstain

MOTION: That ALDHA recommends to the NPS/ATC and other clubs/agencies involved, that the AT through the Cumberland Valley remain in its present location but that land acquisition be pursued for the purpose of a future "fall-back" route in the event that the current route becomes undesirable due to increased development.

Passed, 71 for, 5 against, 5 abstain

MOTION: That ALDHA, due to a lack of specific information, request that the NPS pursue the acquisition of an off-road route guided by those principles which have thusfar guided the AT acquisition program.

Passed, 72 for, 8 against, 11 abstain

### 1987

Continue the work already started on incorporating ALDHA, becoming a non-profit organization and getting tax exemption from the federal government, and hence, qualifying for non-profit mailing.

### 1988

Moved: That we not have a family membership, but that \$5 would get one publication mailing per household, \$10 would get two mailings, but either way there would remain separate Directory listings for family members.

Passed, 16 for, 1 against

### 1988

MOTION: To accept corporate sponsorship in return for a blurb in the newsletter.  
Failed, 4 for, 14 against, 4 abstain

**1988**

John Vlah agreed to take charge of a planning guide for the PCTR that would be something like the first part of the Philosopher's Guide. It was felt that this should be published on a break-even basis only, and it was so moved and seconded.  
Passed, 14 for, 1 against

**1988**

Warren Doyle moved that ALDHA send a letter to the ATC and the NPS AT Project Office requesting a list of abandoned houses along the trail. Warren believes that members of the trail community might be interested in maintaining these houses, perhaps as hostels similar to the Eckville Hostel, rather than having them all simply demolished.  
Passed unanimously

**1988**

MOTION: ALDHA would co-sponsor an "AT Institute" for people planning to hike the trail, as an educational endeavor to decrease the number of people starting to hike the trail, but failing to finish it. ALDHA would co-sponsor this institute along with Warren's Center for Outdoor Education at Hemlock Overlook.  
Passed, 14 for, 2 against, 4 abstain

**1988**

MOTION: Warren Doyle, as Gathering Organizer, "do what seems appropriate," in regards to compensating the Folk Life Center for the use of their facilities.  
Passed, 16 for, none against

**1989**

MOTION: Made by G.A. McDaniel, that ALDHA dues be raised to \$7 per year beginning with 1991 dues.  
Passed with four opposed

**1989**

MOTION: ALDHA Steering Committee (anyone who attends a steering committee meeting is considered a member of the committee) be allowed to designate recipients of honorary life memberships. There would only be one recipient a year except in the case of a couple.  
Passed with three abstaining

**1989**

MOTION: To accept the patch designed at the workshop, to buy a quantity within ALDHA's budget limits, and to offer them for sale, at cost, to the membership plus 50 cents for handling but at a price not greater than \$2.50.  
Passed unanimously

**1989**

MOTION: To make up a flyer with suggested rules of conduct for hiking and while staying at trail facilities such as hostels. Passed unanimously

**1989**

MOTION: To send a flyer to hostels with ALDHA guidelines to hikers, including the suggestion that stays be limited to a night or two.  
Passed with one against

**1989**

MOTION: Steering committee nominate a person or hostel that has given outstanding service to hikers, and that the general membership votes to award a plaque in their honor.  
Passed with two against

**1990**

MOTION: Made by Al Sochard, that ALDHA pay \$25 to ATC for membership along with an additional \$25 slated for the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.  
Passed

**1990**

MOTION: Made by Frank Logue, that ALDHA become a member of the Green Mountain Club.  
Tabled

**1990**

MOTION: Made by Frank Logue, that ALDHA give a \$500 donation to the Dartmouth Outing Club for use in their trails and shelters program.  
Motion withdrawn and will be decided upon during the Steering Committee Meeting at the Gathering.

**1990**

MOTION: Coordinator should pursue a letter from Hi-Tec expressing interest in sponsoring ALDHA. (Idea was to use these as prizes in the Hikers Feud game at the Gathering)  
Passed

**1990**

MOTION: Made by Warren Doyle, that the Steering Committee go on record as not judging unofficial routes on the Appalachian Trail.  
Passed with four abstaining

**1990**

The Steering Committee agreed that it was comfortable with making money in a joint-publications relationship with ATC although money would not be the reason for such a relationship as the group's main purpose is education. (Companion)

**1990**

MOTION: Made by Frank Logue, to have 1,000 ALDHA bumper stickers made to be sold at the Gathering for \$1. Also, approved that Frank Logue order another 250 (patches) to be sold in both the Long Distance Hiker and at the Gathering.  
Passed

**1990**

MOTION: Made by Victoria Logue, that Al Sochard be allowed to spend up to \$200 to get ALDHA non-profit status.  
Passed

**1990**

Newsletter Policy Set. The Steering Committee decided that the decision to use what some consider to be questionable words be left to the discretion of the editors.  
Passed with one against

**1990**

MOTION: Made by Warren Doyle, to keep incorporation as close to the original setup as possible, that is, maintain the steering committee as an advisory board with absolute power in the hands of the coordinator.  
Passed with four against

**1990**

Approved to spend the additional \$450 in expenses to incorporate and achieve non-profit status.  
Passed

**1990**

With reference to the Pennsylvania murders. Holly Leeds made a motion to establish a committee responsible for dealing with law enforcement and to come up with a paper explaining our position and make recommendations to hikers on how to be safe.  
Deadlock, five for and five against

**1990**

Announcement of the intention of ALDHA to incorporate to gain non-profit status and to improve its liability status. This would include changing the bylaws, he said, because they are currently too loose and informal. Al Sochard explained the group's two choices: 1) To keep everything the same with the steering committee having no vote and all of the power in the hands of the coordinator; and 2) Elect a board of directors, 5-11 people. The board would speak for the membership rather than just the coordinator. Frank Logue spoke, saying that although the Steering Committee recommended option #1, he felt that although anyone could attend the steering committee and general membership meetings in an advisory capacity that it still left the ultimate power and decision to just one person – the coordinator. Motion made that they bylaws be changed so that the current slate of officers be elected as the Board of Directors so that all five would be just as responsible. He assured the membership that steering committee meetings would continue and that everyone and anyone would be invited to attend and offer input that the board would take into consideration. Amended motion by O.W. Lacy to add at least two at-large members to the board with the number of at-large members fluctuating with the group's membership.  
None opposed  
Steve Markiewicz was told to continue with the incorporation/non-profit process

**1990**

MOTION: To adopt the use of offset blazes where appropriate, resolution to send to the ATC Board of Directors.  
Passed with approximately 3 of 150 opposed

**1990**

MOTION: Made by Ed Garvey, that a resolution be sent to the ATC stating that ALDHA approved the blazes should under no circumstances be more than 100 yards apart rather than the current .25 miles.  
Passed

**1990**

RESOLUTION: Whereas, at the 1987 Conference of the Appalachian Trail Conference held at Lynchburg College, the general membership of the ATC passed a resolution directing the Appalachian Trail Conference to focus more on the "soul" (i.e. volunteers, maintainers, hikers – including the long distance hiking community) of the trail rather than just on the "body" (i.e. trail corridor, land acquisition/management, trail maintenance); and  
Whereas, the recent act of violence and human tragedy in Pennsylvania has hurt and disturbed the "soul" of the trail,  
Be it moved, that ALDHA, an organization that is primarily concerned with the welfare of the long distance hiking community, requests that the Appalachian Trail Conference submit...  
Tabled

**1990**

Holly Leeds made a motion that a committee be nominated to work on tackling such a problem should it arise again and to provide safety options and tips for prevention of such an incident to hikers.  
Passed unopposed

**1990**

Agreed that ALDHA would no longer use Styrofoam cups, and that either members should be encouraged to bring their own mugs to The Gathering or purchase an ALDHA mug which will be made available at the 1991 Gathering.

Passed

**1991**

MOTION: To strongly discourage the carrying of firearms on all Appalachian long distance trails.

Passed with one abstention

**1991**

Moved that the ALDHA newsletter be increased to four issues a year, including a separate directory.

Passed

**1991**

Moved that the ALDHA Board of Directors commend Dan "Wingfoot" Bruce on his Thru-hikers Handbook.

Passed unanimously

**1991**

Meaning of the upcoming incorporation. Examples given: 1) Should ALDHA be sued, it would be the entire group not individuals who would be held accountable; 2) A board member can speak for ALDHA but only under the direction and approval of the board; the treasury can now be held in an interest-bearing account; ALDHA will not have to pay taxes (sales tax on a printing job); the board can vote for or against motions although major items can still be referred to the general membership should the board so desire, and the board can also handle decisions by phone or mail; because of Sunshine Laws, all meetings of ALDHA are open to the public although the board can decide issues in private executive session should sensitive issues need to be decided.

Continuation

**1991**

Frank Logue be authorized to purchase 288 mugs was approved. The mugs will be sold for \$2.00 or 25 cents over cost.

Passed

**1991**

MOTION: Recommend to the ATC that they include signs in every shelter with the telephone number to call and the quickest way to get to a phone in an emergency.

Passed

**1991**

MOTION: ALDHA supports the idea and concept of at-large members on ATC's Board of Managers.

Passed with one abstention

A commendation to Dave Startzell on his visit and willingness to address issues presented by ALDHA.

**1991**

MOTION: That members of the board of ALDHA be limited to no more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Passed with six agreeing and five abstaining

**1991**

MOTION: That the board of directors of ALDHA be given the power to dispense funds to satisfy non-profit regulations.

Tabled, board had not fulfilled its fiduciary obligation, i.e. not making the general membership aware of its long term plans.

Board later affirmed that, according to the by-laws, the board of directors already has the authority to determine where and when money is spent.

**1991**

MOTION: That no board member may spend more than \$100 on ALDHA business without approval of the board.

Passed

**1991**

MOTION: That the board increase its at-large members from two to six.

Passed

Question called to increase the at-large members to six in number and the motion passed with the amendment to draw lots – three one-year terms and three two-year terms. Lots will be drawn at the spring steering committee meeting of the ALDHA board of directors. In the future, all at-large board member terms will be for two years, the purpose of the one year terms this time was to set up a system of staggered terms for the at-large seats on the board.

**1991**

MOTION: That the ALDHA Coordinator write to the Appalachian Trail Conference publications committee to express the group's disappointment that ALDHA is not mentioned in the Thru-hikers Handbook written by Dan Bruce.

Passed with one opposed

ATC informed the group that the copyright of the book belongs to Dan, and although the committee could suggest that Dan mention ALDHA in his book they cannot force him to do so. The committee's only option would be to not publish the book.

**1991**

Chris Chapman made the motion that a letter be written to Mount Rogers National Recreation Area letting them know that ALDHA would like the road to be left as is, with no further improvements and restricting usage of the road.

Passed unanimously

**1991**

As an organization of individuals with a direct and personal interest in the management and protection of experiences that are available to us on the long distance trails of the Appalachian Mountains and the National Trails System, ALDHA should be vocal in its involvement in issues affecting these experiences.

Failed, one for and two abstaining

**1992**

RESOLUTION: By Chris Chapman, "be it resolved that the ALDHA board inform interested parties of its concern about the impact of non-compatible activities near long-distance hiking trails whenever appropriate."

Passed unanimously

**1992**

We resolve that ALDHA distinguish between commercial and non-commercial purposes when requests are made for using the ALDHA mailing list. Commercial use of the list is prohibited.

Passed unanimously

**1992**

Agreed that ALDHA would retain memberships in AHS and the ATC but would not join any other organizations at this time.

**1992**

Warren Doyle moved that ALDHA supports the construction and maintenance of privies at Appalachian Trail shelters in the Smokies.

Passed unanimously

**1992**

MOTION: That ALDHA recommend that the ATC reproduce the Merry Slav's hostel letter dealing with hiker behavior in any publications they deem appropriate, especially the "Step by Step" publication.

Passed

**1992**

Complimentary memberships in ALDHA were approved for people who unselfishly give time to the long-distance hiking community.

**1992**

An ALDHA resolution passed two years ago mandates that ALDHA use recycled papers, even if they add to the cost of printing and that ALDHA not use disposable cups for coffee.

**1992**

RESOLUTION: By Warren Doyle, that the ALDHA Coordinator, upon consultation with the board, send letters to the appropriate authorities expressing ALDHA's concern on the closure of public lands that long distance trails pass through and the impact it has on the long distance hiking experience.

Passed unanimously

**1992**

Holly Leeds made a motion that the ALDHA Coordinator write a letter to Warren Doyle at George Mason University and express the group's displeasure with a course planned by that school. Holly said that she learned Warren intended to teach a course that would bring hundreds of students out onto the Appalachian Trail as a part of the course.

Failed

**1992**

MOTION: To have the ALDHA Coordinator write to all appropriate authorities requesting that public lands allow camping wherever possible.

Failed

**1992**

Voted to have the ALDHA Coordinator to write to the Air National Guard and express our group's concern with the impact low flying aircraft have on a wilderness hiking experience.

Passed unanimously

**1994**

Backpacker Article indicated that ALDHA helps put potential hikers together. Ron received about twenty requests. Discussion determined that this type of service could become time consuming if we promote the concept. It was decided not to pursue the service.

**1994**

It was indicated that ALDHA doesn't want to get into the publishing business, but this book is a good outlet for ALDHA. (Companion)

**1994**

ALDHA is now a non-profit corporation having been granted the status by the I.R.S. after a lengthy application period. Paperwork has been sent to the Post Office to mail at non-profit bulk rates.

Status of non-profit achieved.

**1994**

MOTION: That Coordinator write the A.T. Project Office of the National Park Service requesting that Mr. Sander's replacement have a Park Service background as well as other outdoor education experience and not necessarily a police background.

Passed

**1994**

MOTION: Coordinator to write a letter to the Forest Service expressing ALDHA's opposition to the proposed road and for the Forest Service to conduct an environmental impact study. (Damascus Area) Ltr sent to the U.S. Forest Service expressing ALDHA's opposition to the four-laning of Route 58 through the Mt. Rogers National Recreation Area.

**1994**

MOTION: Ron to appoint a committee to come up with recommendations for hiker ethics/behavior. Another motion was passed to set aside time at next year's Gathering to discuss ethics/hiker behavior.

Passed

ESC projects and foundation began more concretely in 1996-97.

**1994**

MOTION: Joe and Monica Cook to include in the AT Companion that people in Damascus are not pleased with some of the hiker's behavior and that they are considering discontinuing the annual Trail Days. Those ALDHA members who attend Trail Days should set an example by being on their best behavior.

Passed

**1994**

MOTION: ALDHA to pay all bills submitted within six months or they will not be paid.

Failed

**1994**

MOTION: That all bills incurred by ALDHA be submitted within twelve months or they will not be paid.

Passed

**1995**

MOTION: That paying feature slide show presenters and other entertainment at the Gathering, if appropriate, be left up to the Gathering Coordinator.

Passed

**1995**

Warren Doyle voiced his opposition to paying for feature slide show presenters. He moved that feature slide show presenters on Sunday evening not be paid.

Failed

**1995**

At the Ethics Committee meeting there was some discussion about the drinking and noise at the campfire the night before. It has always been ALDHA's policy not to allow alcohol at the Gathering but it has never been strictly enforced. Since hiker ethics has become a concern to us all, it was the general opinion that we should do more to discourage alcohol at the Gathering.

**1995**

It was brought to everyone's attention that a presenter had inquired about the possibility of being reimbursed for some expenses he incurred in order to make his presentation available for viewing at the Gathering. The consensus of opinion was that workshop presenters must cover their own expenses.

**1996**

MOTION: To have a home page on the computer.

Passed

Website created.

**1996**

MOTION: For Cindy to send information about the Gathering to the American Hiker Magazine.

Passed

**1996**

MOTION: "Backpacker" magazine requested permission to have a booth at the Gathering.

Passed

**1996**

MOTION: The Coordinator form a committee to decide what to present to Jean, with a budget not to exceed \$300. (Retirement Party)

Passed

Saturday evening at the Gathering was dedicated to Jean.

**1996**

Steve Duyser suggested support for organizations that maintain hostels for hikers. Motion that ALDHA Coordinator make a selection of 2-3 places to upgrade facilities that help hikers. Amendment to provide profit from Companion up to \$300 annually to cover expenses: steering committee to choose.

Passed with amendment

**1996**

RESOLUTION: To oppose timber cutting on Bluff Mountain and to send Bob Joslin, Regional Forest Service representative our expressions of opposition. Pointed out that the appeal period is past, but Elmer Hall feels protests can still be effective.

Passed

**1996**

RESOLUTION: By Warren Doyle, Randy Smith, convicted murderer of AT hikers has been released after 15 years. Warren moved that ALDHA write a letter to Roanoke Times, with a copy to the Governor of Virginia, protesting and expressing our displeasure with Smith's release.

Passed

**1997**

MOTION: That ALDHA disagrees with exclusionary practices of hiking clubs that maintain the A.T.

Failed

**1997**

MOTION: That ALDHA opposes the use of eminent domain for the future acquisition of land for the Appalachian Trail.

Tabled

**1997**

MOTION: That ALDHA opposes the implementation of any future regulation or user fees, permits, etc. that will have a negative effect on the long-distance hiking community.

Failed

**1997**

MOTION: That ALDHA use recycled paper materials in all publications.

Passed

**1997**

MOTION: That ALDHA adopt the position against any logging on all national forest lands.

Withdrawn

**1998**

MOTION: That we encourage the membership Secretary to mail directory by December 1. Comments that quality was more important than timing. Further comments that electronic loading at the Gathering will speed things up a lot.

Passed unanimously

**1998**

MOTION: ALDHA to set up its own domain name to help folks remember ALDHA's internet address.

Discussion to be had at Gathering.

Passed

**1998**

Announcement of a new scholarship at Concord College that is being named in honor of the Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association.

**1998**

MOTION: That ALDHA opposes the commercial logging of any public land.

Failed

**1998**

MOTION: That ALDHA opposes the implementation of any future regulations, user fees, permits, etc., that will have a negative effect on the long-distance hiking community as determined by the board of directors.

Passed

**1998**

RESOLUTION: That ALDHA supports the most comprehensive protective zone for the Appalachian Trail corridor on Saddleback Mountain in Maine, including all environmentally fragile sub alpine areas in and around the corridor, the Eddy Pond watershed, the area known as the Bowl.

Passed

**1998**

RESOLUTION: Whereas Earl Shaffer walked into the history books in 1948 to become the first person to do a thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail, and whereas he is currently hiking the trail a third time and is unable to be with us, be it resolved that ALDHA, an organization of thru-hikers, helps and dreamers following in Earl's footsteps, hereby conveys its heartiest congratulation to him on his anniversary and wishes him luck on his current thru-hike at age 79.

Passed

**1998**

RESOLUTION: That ALDHA support the campaign to have the U.S. Postal Service issue a commemorative set of semi-postal stamps honoring and depicting all 8 of our National Scenic Trails and that the extra funds from these semi-postal stamps be used to support the non-motorized trail maintenance budgets of both the National Park Service and National Forest Service.

Passed

**1999**

Decision was made to keep the price of membership at \$7.00, but that after April; members will be mailed current member directory and past newsletter. New members will also receive ALDHA window sticker along with a welcoming introduction.

Passed

**1999**

Proposed purchasable lifetime memberships was presented by Noel; they will cost \$150 per family.

Passed unanimously

**1999**

MOTION: Allow ALDHA members to be nominated to Board positions in advance of Gathering with a signed statement of up to 75 words with written seconding by two ALDHA members.

Passed unanimously

**2000**

MOTION: To appropriate up to \$800 for building of food pavilion at Ed Garvey Shelter. ALDHA will accept any and all donations for this project.

Passed

Monies appropriated but declined by PATC; pavilion constructed at Blackburn Trail Center instead.

**2000**

MOTION: Provide space on the ALDHA membership form to allow applicant to donate additional monies to AT Museum.

Passed

**2001**

MOTION: To have Walkin' Jim Stoltz's ALDHA song sung at every Gathering.

Passed

**2001**

Discussion that consideration be given to the editor of Companion a stipend.

Tabled

**2002**

Discussion on whether to incorporate ALDHA West and ALDHA Directories.

Tabled

**2002**

Discussion to recognize members who have passed away in directory.

Passed

**2002**

Discussion on soliciting new members via internet. Board feels that extra newsletters should be distributed to hostels as a way to attract new members.

**2002**

Honorary Life Membership should be reserved for members who have done outstanding job for ALDHA.

**2002**

Bulk mail discussion, membership secretary to complete all necessary forms so we can send newsletters and directories via bulk mail.

Passed

**2003**

MOTION: Given the unfortunate circumstances surrounding the membership secretary at this time, no 200-2003 Directory will be printed this year.

Failed

**2003**

Discussion but no motion to add to the list of officers in ALDHA the position of "Director of Communications."

**2003**

In view of the lack of Directory this year, all renewal memberships be reduced to \$4.00 for the next year (2003-2004).

Tabled

**2003**

MOTION: All Board members be required to be at least computer literate enough to communicate via email and that certain positions (Membership Secretary and Treasurer) be filled only by those familiar with database operation.

Not Seconded

**2003**

MOTION: Given the circumstances surrounding the failure to act in her elected position as membership secretary, elected Amy Roudebush shall be immediately removed from her current elected responsibilities.

Passed unanimously

Ltr sent to Amy advising her of her removal from her elected position. Request made for her to return all ALDHA materials. Several ltrs forwarded to her attention; no response ever heard from her.

**2003**

MOTION: ALDHA will donate a minimum of \$2,500 to the A.T. Trail Museum fund but that the final decision regarding how much will be decided at the Spring Steering Committee Meeting.

Passed by 2/3 vote

At Spring Meeting it was determined that monies were already being held for the Museum as a result of the sales of the 1998 t-shirts. No additional monies given.

**2003**

All hostels should be included in mailing of future newsletters.

Hostels added to database.

**2003**

Resolution to By-Laws. To be elected to posts of Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator or Membership Secretary one needs a minimum of two years as a Board Member.

Failed

**2003**

MOTION: That the Companion be left on-line.

Passed

**2003**

MOTION: That Companion would be available to be downloaded for a fee with previous years can be downloaded for no fee.

Failed

**2003**

MOTION: That \$500 be spent to file the necessary IRS reports for ALDHA to change tax status to 501C3.  
Passed

**2004**

MOTION: That all mailing labels for the ALDHA newsletters and the membership directory have a membership expiration date printed on that publication for that member.  
Passed unanimously

**2004**

MOTION: That the membership year coincides with the calendar year effective January 1, 2005. (January 1 to December 31 each year)  
Passed unanimously

**2004**

MOTION: That beginning January 2005, and subsequent years thereafter, any member who has not paid their dues for 2005, and subsequent years thereafter, will receive one newsletter and a reminder postcard before their membership status be listed as inactive in the membership database.  
Passed with nine agreeing, one opposed and one abstaining

**2004**

MOTION: Beginning with the next publication of membership forms, an additional rate option incorporating a two year membership rate (a rate that is double the current membership rate) is available as a members choice.  
Passed unanimously

**2004**

MOTION: ALDHA will not allow any corporate/commercial membership.  
Tabled

**2004**

MOTION: That the ALDHA Board strictly enforce established quiet hours; proper authorities will be notified for those who won't adhere to quiet hours.  
Passed with ten agreeing and one abstaining

**2004**

RESOLUTION: Whereas, Dartmouth College, the Dartmouth Outing Club and Julie Clemons were endlessly helpful, attentive and positive in the preparation of the 2003 Gathering; Whereas, through these efforts our members experienced another heartfelt fellowship with one another and the community; therefore be it, RESOLVED, that Dartmouth College, the Dartmouth Outing Club and Julie Clemons receive countless kudos for their continued relationship with ALDHA, the Gathering and the Trail Community.  
Passed unanimously

**2004**

MOTION: That \$1000 be given to Concord College, \$500 to Dartmouth Outing Club, Storrs Pond, Church of the Mountain, and the Folklife Center, respectively, to be used as grants.  
Passed with eight agreeing and three abstaining

**2004**

RESOLUTION: Whereas, the keeper of the ALDHA coffee urn has been Wayne Greenlaw, who has faithfully filled our fix for caffeine at fall Gatherings and spring meetings since 1998; Whereas, ALDHA finally broke down and bought its own coffee pot during the 2002 Gathering; Whereas, it has been

determined that our particular percolator requires one full pot of water, 15 ounces of coffee and 30 minutes to perk; therefore be it, RESOLVED, the new keeper of the ALDHA coffee urn be Mara Factor (aka Stitches), a hiker of numerous trails, included but not limited to the Appalachian Trail, Long Trail and Pacific Crest Trail, and a caring and devoted member of the Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association.

Passed unanimously

#### **2004**

MOTION: That the next Spring Meeting be held April 2, 2005 at Blackburn.

Passed with eight agreeing and three abstaining

#### **2004**

RESOLUTION: Whereas, PATC and Blackburn Trail Center continue to be a prime location for fellowship and planning for our organization; whereas, PATC and Blackburn Trail Center have agreed to house our organizational inspirations; there be it RESOLVED, that our thank you's be heard loud and with tremendous gratitude.

Passed with nine agreeing and two abstaining

#### **2004**

MOTION: In conjunction with the intent and principles of the Endangered Services Campaign, to promote an understanding that town services for the hiking community are not guaranteed, but are rather reflective of the treatment the community experiences as Appalachian Trail hikers (regardless of day hikers, section hikers or thru-hikers) pass through. To promote an understanding that positive behaviors and sensitivity are essential despite living an alternative lifestyle. And, keep it positive. It is the duty and obligation of those members of the organization of ALDHA, which created this idea, to adhere to those principles and to make a point of leading by example.

Passed by 2/3 vote

#### **2005**

MOTION: Conflict of Interest Policy; to place ALDHA in compliance with NH law regarding non-profit incorporation requirements.

Passed

#### **2005**

MOTION: Conflict of Interest Policy; requiring officers and board members signatures on document of understanding.

Passed

#### **2005**

MOTION: That ALDHA allot an additional \$2500 to finance the 25th Annual Gathering Celebration.

Passed

#### **2005**

MOTION: Approving printing and postage costs for Gathering and Endangered Services Campaign mailings.

Passed

#### **2006**

MOTION: ALDHA Operating Instructions #2

Passed

#### **2006**

MOTION: Funding meals for the post-Trail Days Hard Core Crew, not to exceed \$500.

Passed

**2006**

MOTION: To raise Life Membership dues to \$200 effective 1/1/07.

Passed

**2006**

MOTION: To allocate \$1000 to replicate the ALDHA 25 DVD for our members.

Passed

**2006**

MOTION: Thanking Dartmouth, DOC, and Julie Clemons for hosting the 2005 Gathering in Hanover.

Passed

**2006**

MOTION: \$150 contribution and thanks to Blackburn ATC Center and Chris Brunton for hosting the spring meeting.

Passed

**2006**

MOTION: Increase membership dues from \$7 to \$10 effective 1/1/07

Passed

**2006**

MOTION: Board considers holding General Business Meeting from 9- 9:30 am to 12-12:30 pm

Passed

**2006**

MOTION: to rescind singing Walking Jim's ALDHA song at General Meeting.

Passed

**2006**

MOTION: 2007 Gathering to take place at Gettysburg College, PA

Passed

**2006**

RESOLUTION: Whereas the first Gathering of ALDHA occurred in 1982 and whereas this 2006 Gathering marks the 25th Gathering, we, the members of ALDHA, congratulate, commend and thank the creator and chief instigator of that first Gathering, and the founder of ALDHA, Dr Warren Doyle.

Passed

**2006**

MOTION: ALDHA to obtain and maintain liability insurance

Passed

**2006**

MOTION: Thanks and appreciation to Concord College for their support in hosting the 2006 25th Gathering

Passed

**2006**

MOTION: Thanks and appreciation to the Appalachian Folklife Center for their support of the 2006 25th Gathering

Passed

2006

**MOTION: Donation to Concord College**

Tabled

**2007**

MOTION: New Memberships at Trail Days will include 2 newsletters for the present year and full membership privileges for the following year.

Passed

**2007**

MOTION: \$500 donation to Concord University in appreciation for hosting 2006 25th Anniversary Gathering

Passed

**2007**

MOTION: Up to \$350 to pay for Trail Days Hard Core Crew lunches

Passed

**2007**

MOTION: To change Operating Instructions #1 Honorary Membership Section 3 Guideline subsection (b) to read "Nomination to HLM will be submitted to the Coordinator by the Spring Meeting of the year the award is to be presented." Effective immediately

Passed

**2007**

MOTION: \$300 for Trail Days Hiker Hang Out food

Tabled

**2007**

RESOLUTION: For providing this oasis of learning, education and entertainment for our 26th annual Gathering, we, the members of ALDHA – from both the North and the South – do hereby gratefully acknowledge and officially thank the kind and friendly folks of Gettysburg College for all of their hospitality.

Passed

**2007**

RESOLUTION: For hosting our campsite during the 26th annual ALDHA Gathering, we the members of ALDHA wish to thank Dave Redding for allowing us the use of his farm.

Passed

**2007**

MOTION: Donation- \$500 to Gettysburg College Experiential Education Department.

Passed

**2007**

MOTION: That ALDHA should support Trail Days hiker reception through a monetary contribution. Referred to Committee to report at Spring08 Meeting

**2008**

MOTION: ALDHA sponsor Hiker Hangout reception and ALDHA agree to fund up to \$250 for Hiker Hangout reception

Passed

**2008**

MOTION: To amend the bylaws to be able to make and act on motions by electronic communications, telephone or mail.

Passed

**2008**

MOTION: Scott and Patricia Beavers selected to be 2008 ALDHA Honorary Life Members.

Passed

**2008**

MOTION: To encourage new memberships at Trail days, all new ALDHA memberships will be from the remainder of the current year to the end of the following year. They will receive the remaining newsletters for the current year and all the benefits of membership for the following year.

Passed

**2008**

MOTION: To authorize ALDHA to spend up to \$525 for tent space to co-locate with ATC and AT Museum.

Passed

**2008**

MOTION: To amend the ALDHA bylaws to state that the term of office of Treasurer and Membership Secretary shall begin on 1 January following the date of election.

Passed

Board to bring to membership at Gathering 08

Passed at Gathering General Business Meeting October 08

**2008**

RESOLUTION: In recognition of his 23 years of service to his beloved Concord University as its president and, during that time, his loyal devotion and friendship to the Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association, we, the members of ALDHA, do hereby wish to express our deepest thanks and gratitude to Dr. Jerry L. Beasley and wish him god speed on his retirement.

Passed

**2008**

RESOLUTION: For its hospitality and accommodation, including another great visit to your affordable and filling cafeteria, we, the members of ALDHA, cordially and gratefully thank the folks at Concord University for hosting our 27th annual gathering.

Passed

**2008**

RESOLUTION: We, the members of ALDHA, do hereby wish to thank the Appalachian South Folklife center for allowing ALDHA to once again return to its roots and convene in the friendly confines of the center for our 27th annual Gathering.

Passed

**2008**

RESOLUTION: We, the members of ALDHA, express our highest gratitude to Warren Doyle and Weathercarrot for all their work in making our 27th Annual Gathering a weekend of lots of fun and lots of sun! In short, we just want to say, "You're doing a great job!"

Passed

**2009**

MOTION: To have Bill O'Brien get printed bumper stickers with the hiker feet and Hike in Harmony logo and Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association across the bottom.

Unanimous.

**2009**

MOTION: ALDHA does not support or encourage potentially dangerous activities at its functions – including but not limited to bungee jumping, cliff/bridge jumping, and/or fire walking.  
Unanimous.

**2009**

MOTION: ALDHA will authorize funds up to \$250 for the cost of the shared tent at TrailDays 2009.  
Unanimous

**2010**

Spring Steering Committee Meeting. (No motions.)

**2010 Gathering Business Meeting.**

MOTION: (Warren Doyle) Be it moved that ALDHA (as reflected by its logo) neither supports nor endorses any trailside posted documents that restrict or control hikers movements on a long distance trail.  
Defeated.

**2010 Gathering Business Meeting.**

MOTION: (Warren Doyle) Be it moved that Honorary Life Members of ALDHA shall have voting privileges on the ALDHA Steering Committee.  
Defeated.

**2010 Gathering Business Meeting.**

MOTION: (Dennis Webster) That we sing Walkin' Jim's ALDHA song at every Gathering.  
Passed. "Double Crust" made and withdrew amendment to read this song. "Takoma Tedd" offered to accompany the song on guitar at the Gathering as long as he is able.

**2010 Gathering Business Meeting.**

MOTION: (Tom Evans) That ALDHA shall increase the membership dues from \$10 per year to \$20 per year.  
Defeated.

**2010 Gathering Business Meeting.**

RESOLUTION: (Bill O'Brien) Concord University  
for its hospitality and accommodation, including another great visit to your bountiful and affordable cafeteria, we, the members of ALDHA, cordially and gratefully thank the folks at Concord University for hosting our 29th Annual Gathering.  
Passed.

**2010 Gathering Business Meeting.**

RESOLUTION: (Bill O'Brien) Appalachian South Folklife Center  
We, the members of ALDHA, do hereby wish to thank the Appalachian South Folklife Center for allowing ALDHA to once again return to its roots and convene in the warm and friendly confines of the Center for our 29th Annual Gathering.  
Passed.

**2010 Gathering Business Meeting.**

RESOLUTION: (Bill O'Brien) Gathering Coordinators  
We, the members of ALDHA, express our highest gratitude to Ray Otto Douglas and Warren Doyle for their work in making our 29th Annual Gathering a weekend of education, camaraderie and fun!  
Passed.

**2010 Gathering Steering Committee Meeting.**

MOTION: (Bill O'Brien) That ALDHA shall institute a PayPal account ASAP.  
Passed.

**2010 Gathering Steering Committee Meeting.**

MOTION: (Ray Otto Douglas) To add the trademark symbol to the ALDHA logo.  
Passed.

**2010 Gathering Steering Committee Meeting.**

MOTION: (Shane O'Donnell) To accept the AT Museum's offer to honor ALDHA's contributions by naming the hiker lounge "The ALDHA Hikers' Lounge."  
Passed.

**2010 Gathering Steering Committee Meeting.**

MOTION: (Wayne Krevetski) To allow the Merchandise Coordinator to spend up to \$500. To start up a Merchandise Program.  
Passed.

**2010 Gathering Steering Committee Meeting.**

MOTION: (Shane O'Donnell) The ALDHA Steering Committee will delay the implementation of the motion regarding trademarks until no later than January 1, 2011, providing we can guarantee the legality of so doing, at which point implementation will be triggered with no additional vote required.  
Passed.

**11-24-2010**

RESIGNATION: Ernest Engman ("Sgt.Rock") resigned as Member-at-Large.  
Accepted. (Engman was elected to a two-year term at the 2010 Gathering in October 2010.)

**11-27-2010**

NOMINATION: (Bill O'Brien) I formally nominate Noel DeCavalcante as an at-large member of the board of directors to fill the Ernest Engman resignation vacancy for the coming year. Noel would serve out the year. At the next election, the lowest at-large member vote-getter will get the remaining one year of this vacancy. If Noel ran again, he could get elected to a two-year term.  
Passed by email vote, with results given on 11-30-2010.

**12-07-2010**

MOTION: (Sue Spring) That ALDHA spend \$725 to register the "Hiker" with "ALDHA" below it, as the Appalachian Long Distance Hiking Association's Logo with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.  
Passed by email vote, with results given on 12-09-2010.

**12-09-2010**

RESIGNATION: Mara Factor ("Stitches") resigned as ALDHA Membership Secretary.  
Accepted. Resignation effective 12-31-2010 by email notation.

**12-11-2010**

RESOLUTION: (Bill O'Brien) Whereas Mara Factor has faithfully served in the challenging job of Membership Secretary for the last couple of years, and whereas she has managed to further refine, upgrade and improve upon the task of compiling and keeping our detailed membership information, and whereas she has diligently and efficiently organized the complicated chores of the membership registration at Gatherings and Trail Days as well as handling Newsletter mailings and Directory preparation, and whereas she has worked countless all-volunteer hours behind the scenes pouring over

a computer on ALDHA's behalf, be it resolved that ALDHA extends its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to "Stitches" for a job well done and sincerest best wishes for her and her family in the future. Passed by email vote. The resolution was turned into a motion by Mike Wingart and put up for the vote by email.

**12-11-2010**

NOMINATION: (Bill O'Brien) Cindy Taylor-Miller ("Mrs. Gorp") is nominated to replace Mara Factor as Membership Secretary.

Passed by email vote. The motion was put forth in an email by Mike Wingart. "Mrs. Gorp" takes over as Membership Secretary officially on 1-01-2011.

**2-04-2011**

MOTION: (Cynthia Taylor-Miller) That ALDHA shall now consider the Online Companion a benefit of membership to be distributed at no charge only to current members of ALDHA. If the Online Companion is to be distributed to non-members of ALDHA, there will be an \$8. charge with the proceeds going only to ALDHA, as ATC has decided not to be a part of this online activity.

Passed by email vote.

**April 9, 2011**

No motions.

**October 9, 2011**

No motions.

**April 14, 2012**

MOTION: "To conduct the 2013 ALDHA Gathering at Shippensburg University on Columbus Day Weekend."

Unanimously approved.

**April 14, 2012**

MOTION: "The general criteria will be as follows: 1. Any person being nominated must be an ALDHA member in good standing and their name listed in the most current ALDHA Directory. 2. Anyone nominated for a "Member-at-Large" position is expected to have attended a previous Gathering and should have attended a Board of Directors Meeting. 3. Any person being nominated for an Officer position must have been a Board member. 4. Nominations should be submitted to the Nominating Committee at least 24 hours prior to the General Membership Meeting. 5. Anyone being nominated for any position must be present at the General Membership Meeting." Motion made and amended by Noel DeCavalcante. Seconded by Bill O'Brien. Unanimously approved.

**April 14, 2012**

Motion: Deletion of ALDHA Operating Instruction #2. MOTION: "That the ALDHA Operating Instruction #2 be deleted."

Unanimously approved.

**April 14, 2012**

Motion: That a resolution be adopted that would partially defray traveling expenses incurred for ALDHA board members (coordinator, asst. coordinator, treasurer, recording secretary, membership secretary and at-large members) to attend the Spring meetings as follows: \$0.20 per mile (round trip from home to spring meeting venue) not to exceed \$200 for any one Spring meeting. Any reimbursement of traveling expenses to the spring meeting of non-voting coordinators or editors (newsletter editor, companion editor, gathering coordinators, including program, facilities, campsite coordinators, work trip coordinator and others) to be determined by budgetary constraints with approval of coordinator and board. Any official representative of ALDHA travelling to an event may be reimbursed at \$0.20/mile up to \$200 upon prior approval of coordinator.

Approved in favor – 6. Abstained – 2.

April 14, 2012

MOTION: That the ALDHA logo, which is now the trademark property of the Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association must never be misused or reconfigured for any purpose. The ratio of height to width of the original logo created by Frank Logue in 1991 must never be altered. It can be shrunk or enlarged for any ALDHA-related purpose, but the ratio of height to width must remain constant.

Unanimously approved

**April 14, 2012**

Motion: Individual members 13 and under are free. Family registration fee will be \$50 Unanimously approved

**October 14, 2012**

MOTION: That the bylaws be amended to allow the “coordinator” of ALDHA to henceforth be referred to as “president.” Passed in a written ballot 84 “yes”/3 “no.”

**April 13, 2013**

MOTION: Michael D. Wingert shall be the ALDHA Treasurer until the elections at the 2013 Gathering. Unanimously approved.

**April 13, 2013**

MOTION: To dedicate 50 percent of the current Life Member Funds to mutual funds. 9 for, 1 abstained (Judy), motion approved.

**April 13, 2013**

Motion: That ALDHA sponsor the Warrior Hikers of 2013 with e-memberships. Unanimously approved.

**April 13, 2013**

Motion: That ALDHA sponsor the Warrior Hikers program with \$250. 7 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstention. Passed

**April 13, 2013**

Motion: Provide \$200 to start up a New England Ruck. Unanimously approved.

**October 13, 2013**

No Motions

**January 18, 2014**

Motion to authorize up to \$1,000 to Membership Secretary Robert Sylvester (Sly) to promote the ALDHA “Companion.” The funds are to be used at Sly's discretion.

Unanimously approved.

**April 5, 2014**

MOTION: To move \$5,000 from the Life Membership account to the T. Rowe Price account.

Unanimously approved.

**April 5, 2014**

MOTION: ALDHA will manage the NoRuck starting in 2015.

Unanimously approved.

**April 5, 2014**

MOTION: To add one additional work site ("The Place") to the list of work trips funded at the 2013 board meeting, for a total of five sites.

Unanimously approved.

**April 5, 2014**

MOTION: To give the RPH shelter work trip an additional \$150 annually, for a total of \$300 for the annual July event.

Unanimously approved.

**April 5, 2014**

MOTION: To give current thru-hikers or current 2,000-milers a free admission to the Gathering when they show their copy of the current Companion.

IN FAVOR -6, OPPOSED – 3. Motion passed.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That the motion process be funded from the \$1,000 previously allocated for Companion expenses.

IN FAVOR -5, OPPOSED – 5, Coordinator Votes in favor. Amendment Passed."

**April 5, 2014**

MOTION: To increase the Trail Days reception allotment from \$300 to \$500.

Unanimously approved.

**April 5, 2014**

MOTION: That ALDHA will form and support a Search and Rescue Team (SAR).

Motion passed with two abstentions.

**April 5, 2014**

MOTION: That ALDHA allocate up to \$500 to support the SAR mission.

Unanimously approved.

**April 5, 2014**

MOTION: To adopt a new membership sponsorship program called ALDHA Shares.

Unanimously approved.

**April 5, 2014**

MOTION: That ALDHA donate 24 sport packs to "Tiger Treks," a Shelbyville, KY school program of physical fitness and good nutrition.

Unanimously approved.

**April 5, 2014**

MOTION: To give \$250 to Chuck Wood for metal materials and postage for the Final Blaze markers he creates.

Unanimously approved.

**April 5, 2014**

MOTION: To award Honorary Life Memberships to (names withheld in this writing).

Unanimously approved.

**April 5, 2014**

MOTION: To allocate \$250 for support of the "Warrior Hikes" program.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 5, 2014**

MOTION: To allocate \$250 for support of the Connecticut "Trail Magic" feed event.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 5, 2014**

MOTION: ALDHA will contribute \$1,000 to the Steve Longley Memorial Fund if ATC displays the ALDHA logo on this year's printing of the ferry schedule and on the sign at the river crossing, to complement ATC and MATC's logos. Additional donations to this fund are subject to annual board approval.  
All voting board members in favor, except for 2.

**October 11, 2014**

MOTION: ALDHA will allocate up to \$10,000 for construction of a hiker shelter in Waynesboro, VA.  
8-2 in favor. Motion passed.

**October 11, 2014**

Series of Program Votes to Request 2015 Funding. All Unanimously Approved

Works Trips: up to \$350 for 2 boundary work trips, the RPH work trip and the "Monday after the Gathering" work trip.

Hardcore: up to \$500, for 2015 only.

Hostel Notebook updates: up to \$500.

Display Board update: up to \$75.

Coordinator expenses: up to \$500.

Membership Secretary: up to \$500.

Treasurer: up to \$500.

ALDHA Trail Magic: up to \$250.

"Companion" promotion: up to \$1,000.

Outreach coordinator: up to \$500.

Northern Ruck (NoRuck): up to \$200.

Search and Rescue (SAR): up to \$500.

**October 11, 2014**

Motion: ALDHA will donate \$3,000 to the ATC Kennebec River Crossing Fund for 2015.  
All in favor except 1 nay. Motion approved.

**January 17, 2015**

MOTION: There will be a \$1,000 honorarium for "Swami" as the 2015 speaker to be communicated in writing that this is to be used for travel expenses and the presentation.  
All in favor except 1 opposed. Motion passed.

**January 17, 2015**

MOTION: To approve the contract with Shippensburg University for the 2015 Gathering,  
Unanimously approved.

**January 17, 2015**

MOTION: To approve \$1,000. per year for the ALDHA Care program.  
Unanimously approved.

**January 17, 2015**

MOTION: To reconsider the amount of funding of \$3,000 for the 2015 contribution for the operation of the Kennebec River canoe crossing project.  
Voting in favor – 2, Voting against – 6. Motion failed.

**April 11, 2015**

A series of motions to accept program and officer reports were unanimously approved.

**April 11, 2015**

MOTION: To allocate \$500 for the ATC Biennial Reception (July 2015) and the Trail Days Hiker Feed (May 2015).

Unanimously approved.

NOTE: The motion includes two \$500 allotments... for separate events.

**April 11, 2015**

MOTION: To reimburse the current Merchandise Coordinator for the cost of 6 months use of storage unit.

Unanimously approved.

**April 11, 2015**

MOTION: To ask T. Scott "Pilgrim" Dowling to make a proposal to the ALDHA Board regarding being Merchandise Coordinator.

Unanimously approved.

**April 11, 2015**

MOTION: To establish a third annual ALDHA board meeting, to take place at either the SoRuck or NoRuck in January of each year.

Motion passed with all in favor, except for 1 nay.

**April 11, 2015**

MOTION: To allow \$100 for purchase of plaques honoring Bob Peoples and Carl Fritz for their dedicated work in "HardCore."

Unanimously approved.

**October 11, 2015**

MOTION: Jim Sample to purchase a utility trailer and wrapper for up to \$7,500 using existing ALDHA funds.

Unanimously approved.

**October 11, 2015**

MOTION: Amend proposed 2016 budget to include \$2,000 to the ATC for the Kennebec River Ferry.

Unanimously approved.

**October 11, 2015**

MOTION: Amend proposed 2016 budget to include \$500 for Logo trademark renewal, \$250 to bond the treasurer, \$500 for Companion Editor, and \$500 for Membership Secretary.  
Unanimously approved.

**October 28, 2015 – via email**

MOTION: The Board authorizes the designation of Jim Sample's address for the registration of ALDHA's new utility trailer.  
Unanimously approved.

**January 17, 2016**

MOTION: To give \$160 to support Hawk Mountain work trip.  
Unanimously approved.

**January 17, 2016**

MOTION: To not fund the liability insurance premium (ATC request for Harpers Ferry Campsite), but instead offer manpower to improve the site or facilities.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 2, 2016**

MOTION: To find how much interest and principal are in the accounts (Lifetime Membership). Also, to find out the restrictions on these funds.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 2, 2016**

MOTION: Allocate a total of \$1,500 for six programs (ADHA Care, Outreach, Work Trips, Leave No Trace, Search & Rescue, and Merchandise) at \$250 max/program/year for actual fuel reimbursement for program coordinators.  
Unanimously approved.

**May 1, 2016 – via email**

MOTION: Motion to appoint Ron Burger to the vacant Assistant Coordinator position. Seven "yes" votes, two no responses, coordinator did not vote. Motion approved.

**May 1, 2016 – via email**

MOTION: Motion to appoint Jim Chambers to take Ron's at-large board member seat. Seven "yes" votes, two no responses, coordinator did not vote. Motion approved.

**August 8, 2016 – via email**

MOTION: Motion made on 8/8/16 that the 2017 ALDHA Gathering be held at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center.  
Ten "yes" votes, One no response. Motion approved on 8/10/16.

**October 9, 2016 – Annual Meeting**

MOTION: That "The Gathering Song" by Walkin' Jim Stoltz be sung by the members of ALDHA during the opening ceremony at every Gathering.  
Unanimously approved by voice vote.

**October 9, 2016 – Annual Meeting**

MOTION: To change the by-laws (section 4.12) as shown below:

*Section 4.12 Committees and Advisory Boards.* The board of directors may form committees ~~of directors~~ to study and report on any issue concerning the corporation and advise the board of directors of such issues. The board of directors may invite members of the public to sit on *a committee or advisory board* to provide outside perspective and advice on any issue concerning the corporation. No committee or advisory board shall act on behalf of the corporation except with the consent of the board of directors. *ALDHA committees and Advisory Boards may be composed of any member of ALDHA or of the public.*

By-laws change approved by unanimous voice vote.

**October 9, 2016 – Annual Meeting**

MOTION: To change the by-laws (section 4.5) as shown below:

*Section 4.5 Special Meetings.* The board of directors shall meet annually at a Spring Steering Committee meeting, which shall be called by the coordinator for the purpose of planning that year's Gathering and conducting any other business that comes before the board. Other special meetings of the board of directors, for any lawful purposes, may be called by the coordinator or the board of directors, and shall be called by the coordinator at the request of a majority of the directors. *Any person in attendance at any board meeting and/or steering committee meeting is entitled to speak during that meeting.*

By-laws change approved by unanimous voice vote.

**October 9, 2016 – Annual Meeting**

MOTION: That ALDHA cease the print publication of its quarterly newsletter.

Motion withdrawn with the understanding that the board will look at this issue in more depth.

**October 9, 2016**

MOTION: To give \$1,000 to the Williams College Outing Club as a thank you for sponsoring us at the college.

Unanimously approved.

**October 9, 2016**

MOTION: To create an ALDHA SAR Advisory Council.

Unanimously approved.

**December 12, 2016 – via email**

MOTION: Motion to appoint Mike Wingart to the Treasurer position starting 1/1/17 until filled at the next Gathering election.

Unanimously approved.

**December 13, 2016 – via TC**

No motions.

**January 15, 2017**

MOTION: That Ron Burger be confirmed as Coordinator.

Unanimously approved by voice vote.

**January 15, 2017**

MOTION: That Kip Redick be elected Assistant Coordinator.  
Approved (6 yea, 1 nay, and 1 abstain).

**January 15, 2017**

MOTION: Establish an Environmental Disaster Fund budget line item that members can contribute to at any time. The fund will be used by ALDHA members to accomplish trail projects in response to environmental emergencies...provided the project is requested by the Trail Club managing the affected portion of the trail. Specific criteria for use of these funds and application requirements will be developed under Jim Chambers' lead. The fund is intended to pay for project supplies and costs to accomplish them, not cash donations.  
Unanimously approved by voice vote.

**January 15, 2017**

MOTION: That the discussion be tabled (Should ALDHA participate in developing a board game?) and that all Board members carefully review Mark Hanf's proposal for discussion at a teleconference in the near future.  
Unanimously approved by voice vote.

**January 15, 2017**

MOTION: That Ken Bunning take the lead in developing the paperwork for submitting a CFC (Combined Federal Campaign) application next year and in the interim get a feel for the potential benefit.  
Unanimously approved by voice vote.

**January 15, 2017**

MOTION: That \$55 be appropriated for the purchase of new software (Adobe Acrobat Pro) for "Mrs. Gorp".  
Unanimously approved by voice vote.

**January 15, 2017**

MOTION: That ALDHA contribute a \$150 one-time donation to help cover incidental expenses of the Roan Mountain Appalachian Trail Community (designation) Celebration.  
Unanimously approved by voice vote.

**February 6, 2017 – via email**

MOTION: Motion made on 2/6/17 to NOT renew the certificate of deposit at the Wells Fargo bank which matures on 7 February 2016. Instead, move the money to our Wells Fargo savings account until we consult with and are advised of a conservative investment paying an annual return exceeding the rate of inflation.  
Motion approved unanimously on 2/19/17.

**April 1, 2017**

MOTION: To not schedule workshops during the business meeting.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 1, 2017**

MOTION: The Fall steering committee meeting will be held on November 4th, 2017. Location (Note: Bears Den has been reserved.)  
Unanimously approved.

**April 1, 2017**

MOTION: The board to appoint Jill Byrd as Treasurer effective May 22nd, 2017.  
Unanimously approved.

### **May 12, 2017 – via email**

MOTION: Motion made on 5/12/17 to accept the attached minutes from the Spring Board Meeting held on April 1st, 2017.

Motion approved with 10 “Yes” and 1 member did not reply on 5/13/17.

Note: The official minutes are required to properly install our new Treasurer with the Wells Fargo Bank at the end of Trails Days.

### **July 3, 2017 – via email**

MOTION: Motion made on 7/3/17 that the 2018 Gathering be at Shippensburg the weekend after the traditional Columbus Day weekend and that we make Williamstown the proposed tentative 2019 Gathering site.

6 For, Against. Motion approved.

### **October 8, 2017 – Annual Meeting**

MOTION: Whereas the Mountain Valley Pipeline’s proposed crossing of the Appalachian Trail in Virginia would destroy and/or endanger the environment, the viewshed, the local economy, the integrity of privately owned land and the safe passage of hikers and maintainers, Resolved, that the Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association is opposed to the Mountain Valley Pipeline’s proposed crossing of the Appalachian Trail.

Approved by voice vote with 2 opposed and 1 abstention.

### **October 8, 2017**

MOTION: To ask Bill O’Brien to pursue with Warren Doyle making a video of the founding and origins of ALDHA to have for new board members.

Unanimously approved

### **November 2017**

**Where are the minutes? Was there a meeting?**

### **April 7, 2018**

MOTION: To approve these guidelines (Gathering Testimonials) as presented.

Unanimously approved.

- 1. Testimonials are generally limited to 5 minutes in duration. Longer presentations require pre-approval of the ALDHA Coordinator.*
- 2. Whereas ALDHA is a family-oriented organization, profanity is to be avoided.*
- 3. The subject matter should be related to hiking, but may include any aspect of experiencing trails.*
- 4. Presenters who fail to maintain appropriate decorum during their speech will be asked by the MC or Coordinator to leave the podium.*

MOTION: To approve the guidelines (Gathering Testimonials) as modified.

Unanimously approved.

### **April 7, 2018**

*Further discussion ensued, and the group decided to reorganize the order of these guidelines and add to #2:*

- 1. The subject matter should be related to hiking but may include any aspect of experiencing trails.*
- 2. Testimonials are generally limited to 5 minutes in duration. Longer presentations require pre-approval of the ALDHA Coordinator or Gathering Coordinator.*

3. *Whereas ALDHA is a family-oriented organization, profanity is to be avoided.*
4. *Presenters who fail to maintain appropriate decorum during their speech will be asked by the MC or Coordinator to leave the podium.*

**April 7, 2018**

MOTION: To approve the guidelines for conferring the ALDHA "Billy Goat" Award.  
Unanimously approved.

1. *A new award named in honor of George B. Woodward, trail name "Billy Goat." To be awarded to an ALDHA member who has cumulatively hiked more than 50,000 trail miles.*
2. *It is fully expected that due to the extraordinary achievement being recognized, there will be years when this award will not be presented.*
3. *(Wording established by discussion during this meeting.) An ALDHA member is eligible for the award when they have cumulatively hiked at least 25,000 trail miles. The member must notify the Gathering Program Coordinator of achieving this status at least 90 days prior to the Gathering.*
4. *An individual may receive the award only once.*

**April 7, 2018**

MOTION: To increase the 2018 Outreach Budget by \$100 to a new total of \$2,387.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 7, 2018**

MOTION: To authorize Rory Anderson to utilize the ALDHA logo for a design for a tee-shirt campaign to fund the ALDHA 50th Anniversary celebration of the National Trails System Act of 1968.  
Approved with 1 abstention.

**April 7, 2018**

MOTION: To stop putting the neckwallet and patch in the Gathering registration packet, but have them available for sale at the 2018 Gathering.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 7, 2018**

MOTION: To approve the amendment of the 2018 ALDHA Budget to include an additional \$1,404 to cover the costs of taking on the Wild Apricot software process.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 7, 2018**

MOTION: To nominate Steve Toth to fill the position of At-large Board Member to replace Judy Young, who resigned after the Fall 2017 meeting.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 7, 2018**

MOTION: ALDHA will donate \$250 to Roan Mountain Hard Core for the May 5, 2018 event.  
Unanimously approved.

**October 14, 2018 – Annual Meeting**

MOTION: That ALDHA stop funding for SAR in 2020.  
Motion defeated.

**October 14, 2018**

MOTION: To allow the Southern Appalachian Work Center to use the ALDHA logo for outreach materials.

Unanimously approved.

**October 14, 2018**

MOTION: To develop a subcommittee to discuss options for how to communicate more effectively with the membership via newsletter or other electronic means and to report back to the 2019 Spring Board Meeting.

Unanimously approved.

**November 17, 2018**

MOTION: To approve 54.5 cents per mile for travel for this meeting not to exceed \$200 for mileage.

Unanimously approved.

**November 17, 2018**

MOTION: To approve for 2019 ALDHA spring/fall board meetings mileage expenses as per current IRS regulations.

Unanimously approved.

**November 17, 2018**

MOTION: To provide the ATC with \$3,000 per year for the next three years... to be sent with an award letter. ALDHA is not in favor of hiker donations. Having this in place will help ALDHA plan the award as a percentage of the total budget. The ALDHA logo/name will remain the same, and will be on the distribution list for all reports and meetings.

Unanimously approved.

**November 17, 2018**

MOTION: To pay "Wild Apricot" \$3,264 for two years of service, to be paid before March 31, 2019.

Unanimously approved.

**November 17, 2018**

MOTION: To begin a monthly email called the "ALDHA Blaze," to start in January 2019, to increase monthly communication with the ALDHA membership.

Unanimously approved.

**November 17, 2018**

MOTION: To increase the travel budgets for ALDHA Care, ALDHA Outreach, and ALDHA SAR from \$250 to \$500.

Unanimously approved.

**November 17, 2018**

MOTION: ALDHA will refrain from political advocacy.

Yes – 4, No - 2, Abstentions – 2. Motion passed.

**November 17, 2018**

MOTION: To fund "Flickr" online photograph storage for ALDHA photographs.

Unanimously approved.

**November 17, 2018**

A series of program budgets were approved. See minutes for details.

**November 17, 2018**

MOTION: To provide \$@,400 for 310 feet the area adjacent to the Waynesboro pavilion parking lot. Money to come from the 2018 budget, with the work to be started this year.  
Unanimously approved.

**November 17, 2018**

MOTION: To support the Bromley Observation Tower Replacement project with a one-time donation of \$1,000 from 2018 funds.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 6, 2019**

MOTION: The board accepts the resignation of Jim Chambers as ALDHA Coordinator as of April 5, 2019, per his email attachment to the board.  
Approved with 1 nay.

**April 6, 2019**

MOTION: To designate the \$850 from ALDHA's 50th Anniversary of the National Scenic Trails Act shirt sale to the Partnership for the National Trails System to be presented at the AT Museum's Hall of Fame banquet on May 4, 2019.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 6, 2019**

MOTION: That ALDHA donate \$150 to the Partnership for the National Trails System.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 6, 2019**

MOTION: For ALDHA to allocate up to \$1,000 to proceed with constructing a monument on the original southern terminus of the Appalachian Trail on Mt. Oglethorpe, GA.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 6, 2019**

MOTION: To move the ALDHA organization domain name from Network Solutions to Google Domain.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 6, 2019**

MOTION: The ALDHA board approves proceeding with the binder update process as explained bt Steve Tooth.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 6, 2019**

MOTION: That Jim Niedbalski's proposed changes to the by-laws be forwarded to the lawyer of choice for review.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 6, 2019**

MOTION: That the Coordinator take the by-laws for legal review no later than June 30, 2019.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 6, 2019**

MOTION: To increase the number of at-large board members by two positions.  
Unanimously approved.

**April 6, 2019**

MOTION: That the board approve exceeding the speaker fee by up to \$500.

Unanimously approved.

**April 6, 2019**

MOTION: That ALDHA contribute \$1,000 to the 2019 AT Hall of Fame dinner and be a sponsor for the event.

Unanimously approved.

**May 30, 2019 – via email**

Motion: To accept Randy Anderson's resignation as Assistant Coordinator due to health reasons.

8 Yes, 1 No. Approved.

**May 30, 2019 – via email**

Motion: To accept Ken Bunning as the new Assistant Coordinator until the election at the 38th Annual ALDHA Gathering on October 13, 2019.

8 Yes, 1 Abstention. Approved.

**July 20, 2019 – VC**

MOTION: Whereas the ALDHA trailer, hereinafter called "Sherpa," is a critical outreach tool that requires transport to and from trail functions; and, that this transportation results in both excessive wear and tear on the hauling vehicle and degraded gas mileage. Whoever is transporting "Sherpa" to Board approved trail events should not be expected to perform this task without some reimbursement. This motion approves reimbursement at the government per mile rate up to a maximum of \$300 per event.

Unanimously approved.

**July 20, 2019 – VC**

MOTION: Repeal the April 2019 vote to expand the board of directors to 13 members.

Yes – 2, No – 5. Motion failed.

**July 20, 2019 – VC**

MOTION: Recommend the attached bylaw changes to the membership at the 2019 annual meeting for ratification with the following 3 changes (from our working changes document): 1) Section 4.11. Strike the first added sentence regarding Directors resigning from the board. 2) Article VII. Editorial change. Delete the words "of the weekend". 3) Section 4.2. Replace "agreement" with "policy agreement".

Unanimously approved.

**July 20, 2019 – VC**

MOTION: That the active portion of the ALDHA SAR program be discontinued effective immediately. That a copy of all pertinent documentation be compiled into a binder (or onto a "Thumb" drive) by the ALDHA SAR Program Coordinator and that this record be archived by the Recording Secretary. All members of the ALDHA SAR Team will be notified of this dissolution.

Unanimously approved.

**July 20, 2019 – VC**

MOTION: That sellable equipment purchased for the ALDHA SAR Team be posted on eBay or sold by other means. The proceeds of this sale shall be returned to the general account.

Unanimously approved.

**July 20, 2019 – VC**

MOTION: That the educational portion of ALDHA SAR, more commonly known as Preventative Search and Rescue (PSAR) will continue with possible name change. This includes education to hikers, potential hikers, and interested non-hikers both at trail festivals, community events, and other outreach opportunities. General topics for this program include survival, trail awareness, and land navigation.

Unanimously approved.

**August 16, 2019 – VC**

MOTION: Select Shippensburg University as the site for the 2021 Gathering (The 40th Gathering).  
7 – yes, 1 – no. Approved

**October 13, 2019 – Annual Meeting**

A series of motions regarding bylaw changes. Specific language can be found in the updated bylaws.  
All voting was by voice.

Article IV, Board of directors

*Section 4.1 Number:* Proposal to expand the number of board of directors from 11 to 13, with one added in 2019 and one added in 2020.

Passed, with one abstention.

*Section 4.2 Qualifications:* Clarify conflict-of-interest reporting by board members.

Passed, with one opposed and three abstentions.

*Section 4.3 Election and terms:* Clarify election procedures to note that the membership elects board members.

VOTE: Passed, with one abstention.

*Section 4.4 Annual meeting:* Clarify language to distinguish between Board of Directors meetings, and Annual Membership meetings.

Passed, with two abstentions.

*Section 4.5 Special meetings:* Acknowledge that meetings can be held telephonically or electronically.

Passed, with two abstentions.

*Section 4.6 Place of meeting:* Acknowledge that the place of meeting can be changed.

Passed, with one abstention.

*Section 4.7 Notice of meeting:* Acknowledge that meetings can be held telephonically or electronically.

Passed, with one opposed and three abstentions.

*Section 4.9 Resolutions:* Clarifies that the Board of Directors can pass resolutions, and may request the membership to consider passing resolutions.

Passed, with three opposed and four abstentions.

*Section 4.10 Action by Consent:* Acknowledge that board communication can be done telephonically or electronically.

Passed, with one abstention.

*Section 4.11 Removal and vacancy:* Clarifies the policy of Board members resigning and wishing to return to the board at a later date.

Passed with eight opposed and five abstentions.

Article V Officers

*Section 5.1 Number:* Clarifies succession of officers.

Passed, with one abstention.

*Section 5.2 Election and term:* Clarifies language on elections.

Passed, with one abstention.

*Section 5.3 Coordinator:* Allows coordinator to appoint ALDHA programs coordinators.

Passed, with one abstention.

*Section 5.6 Membership Secretary:* Stipulates that Membership Secretary will provide written reports on membership at the spring Directors' meeting and annual Membership meeting.

Passed, with two opposed and three abstentions.

*Section VI*

*Section 6.3 Contracts:* Clarifies language on entering into contracts.

Passed, with one abstention.

*Section 6.4 Loans:* Clarifies language on procuring loans.

Passed, with one abstention.

*Section 6.5 Books and records:* Clarifies language on meetings.

Passed, with one abstention.

*Article VII*

*Steering Committee:* Clarifies language on when the Steering Committee meets.

Passed, with one abstention.

*Article VIII*

*Annual Gathering:* Clarifies that Board of Directors choose Gathering locations, and announce the Gathering location for a given year at the previous year's Gathering.

Passed, with two abstentions.

*Article IX*

*Amendments:* Clarifies language.

Passed, with one opposed and two abstentions.

**October 13, 2019**

MOTION: That the PSAR program be changed to the Hiker Awareness, Safety, and Trail Education program consistent with the attached paper on the "ALDHA Education Program."

Unanimously approved.

**October 13, 2019**

MOTION: That ALDHA will provide a \$1,000 gift to the Williams Outing Club."

Unanimously approved.